

# Department of Public Safety

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# Open Comment Period Alaska S\*T\*O\*P Formula Grant and 4-Year Implementation Plan

## **STOP Grant Overview**

**Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors** (STOP)'s primary purpose is training on domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence for courts, law enforcement and prosecutors and for strengthening victim services.

The Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) receives the STOP population based formula grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) since the 1994 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). In FFY16, Alaska received \$882,640 for STOP.

By law, the award is pre-allocated by specific percentages to law enforcement, prosecutors, courts and victim services. In Alaska, STOP is allocated to these agencies:

25% - Alaska State Troopers (AST) for law enforcement

25% - Department of Law for prosecutors

5% - Alaska Court System for courts

30% - for victim services, of which Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) receives 20% and 10% of the Victim Services Allocation is set-aside for a culturally specific organization

 $\underline{15\%}$  - CDVSA discretionary - primarily used for regional SART trainings 100%

STOP Four-Year Implementation Plan - FFY2017 - 2020

At the same time as the grant application, each state is required to submit and abide by a STOP Implementation Plan (Plan) that coordinates across the state and between agencies the most effective use of the STOP grant. OVW requires States to coordinate with:

- state coalitions for domestic violence and for sexual assault (ANDVSA)
- law enforcement entities, prosecution offices, and State and local courts
- tribal governments, tribal coalitions
- representatives of underserved populations, including culturally specific populations as defined by VAWA
- other entities that the State or the Attorney General identifies as needed for planning, and requires documentation submitted with the Plan that the consultation and coordination occurred and consisted of the required elements (was meaningful).

### **Tribal Consultation on the Plan**

In addition to having a planning committee on the Plan, OVW requires consultation with all tribes (Alaska has 229 tribes) to seek input to the STOP 4-Year Implementation Plan. CDVSA will use a contact list from Alaska Division of Community and Regional Affairs. CDVSA will:

- telephone all of the 229 tribes with phone numbers to get the name of the person in the tribe who works with DV/SA, if one is designated, and invite the tribe to consult
- provide a hardcopy of the past year's Plan and an invitation to consult on the FFY17-FFY20 Plan via teleconference on set dates, or to provide input via email, telephone, US mail, and fax;
- have an Open Comment Period for tribes and public of at-least two weeks.

#### **Timeline**

March	April
3/6 – In-person Implementation Plan	Include consultation comments into updated
Planning Committee Meeting	Plan and host a Team Teleconference
Tribal teleconferences March 13, 1:30-2:30	April 11 – 1:30 – 3:30 Teleconference with
and March 16, 11-Noon. 1-800-315-6338	Planning Committee and Tribes to get final
Passcode 22781	input, 1-800-315-6338 Passcode 22781
AST, Courts, Prosecutors, ANDVSA	4/18 Finalize after approval from Council
Teleconference - mid March	and send Final Plan to ALL partners
Open Public Comment Period March 3 –	4/25 - Due Date of Application & Plan to
April 5	OVW

#### Open Public and Tribal Comment Period on the STOP Implementation Plan

The Open Public and Tribal Comment Period is March 3 to April 5.

• Spoken comments may be sent by Calling Freda Westman at (907) 465-3161,

- Written comments may be sent to CDVSA by EMAIL to <u>freda.westman@alaska.gov</u> or FAX (907) 465-3627, or US MAIL to CDVSA, Attn: STOP Plan, PO Box 111200, Juneau, AK 99811
- Fill out the Documentation of Consultation Form and send by FAX, US Mail, or EMAIL